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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Over-all Intelligence Budget

In connection with the current discussions with the Bureau of the Budget on coordination of the over-all intelligence budget, the following may be of interest:

In a meeting of the National Intelligence Authority on 26 June 1947, Admiral Hillenkoetter made some comments on the CIA appropriations. A record of the meeting continues as follows:

On page 15, Secretary Marshall stated he was still troubled by the debates in Congress over the allotment of money for intelligence activities, and further it was his opinion that the allotment of funds for intelligence activities should be appropriated in a lump sum and controlled by one person. Secretary Marshall went on to state that Congressman Taber was in agreement, and during recent discussions on the appropriation of funds for intelligence activities, Mr. Taber stated it was necessary for him to talk to 26 different persons. Secretary Marshall said it was his belief that the tenor of the conversations of the National Intelligence Authority members in appearing before congressional committees on the subject of appropriation of funds for intelligence purposes should be that "in order to get our money's worth," the amount of such appropriations must be kept secret and some one person had to be trusted in the disbursement of these funds.

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